FRIENDS,

Things are different now, but ECF’s mission to invest in a stronger Evanston remains. In the wake of a pandemic, we have been called to serve this community with strategic and immediate investments. We have built the Evanston Community Rapid Response Fund, and have invested over $2,000,000 in grants in the past few months. This kind of responsive and impactful work has made an incredible difference, but we can’t stop there. We need the momentum to keep going and that simply can’t happen alone.

We are currently seeking community sponsors to partner with us in support of a thriving non-profit community, especially in these trying times. We hope you’ll join us so we may continue grant making, training, and building connections, as we enable Evanston nonprofits to deliver their mission more effectively.

With your dedicated support throughout the years through Celebrate!Evanston, we know you understand the importance of your investment in the Foundation. As this year is unique, we hope you will consider a gift to any of the three below areas of need.

WE ARE INVESTED IN EVANSTON

FOR NOW

CELEBRATE! EVANSTON’S VIRTUAL EVENT IN SUPPORT OF THE EVANSTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUND

An investment in the Annual Fund through CIE will support our ability to sustain our meaningful work, increase our community presence, help us offer free workshops to our community leaders and deepen our capacity for change. Celebrate!Evanston 2020 will be held virtually on Thursday, October 1. In front of an audience of hundreds of people, we hope to recognize you for your commitment to a better Evanston and thank you for inspiring others to follow your lead.

FOREVER

EVANSTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT

A gift to the ECF Endowment is a gift here for good. Endowments are permanent funds designed to grow over time through contributions and market returns, all the while generating annual distributions for grants and programs. Giving to our Endowment places your resources in good hands for the long term. And because we pool many gifts, you participate in big projects that will have an impact for years.

FOR EVERYONE

EVANSTON COMMUNITY RAPID RESPONSE FUND

The Foundation has launched the Evanston Community Rapid Response Fund to foster a unified philanthropic response to address the impact of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 in the Evanston community. The Foundation understands the needs that will be greatly exacerbated by this crisis: loss of paychecks, lack of housing, and unmet basic needs leading to the inability to maintain the health standards required to stay safe from the pandemic. We are preparing to address both immediate and long-term needs.

Through signage, web presence, and social media channels, your potential investment will provide countless opportunities for engagements and impressions with the greater Chicago audience. At the highest levels, your access opens up considerably for exposure and recognition in front of our closest friends. In addition, you will be making a big difference in your community when it needs it most.

Review the enclosed sponsorship form, and feel encouraged to contact me to talk about these options in more detail at parnet@evanstonforever.org. Please return your gift to us by September 15 to be able to take advantage of all the benefits. I look forward to connecting.

Thank you,
Rebecca Parmet, Donor Relations Manager
## GIFTS MADE TO SPONSOR CELEBRATE! EVANSTON’S VIRTUAL EVENT AND SUPPORT ECF’S ANNUAL FUND ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS!

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PLEASE RETURN YOUR GIFT TO US BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2020!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO EVANSTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OR CALL TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD

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